

# DDRS Newsletter

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## DDRS to Improve Crisis Management Services

The Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services is working to improve the quality of services offered to individuals who are in crisis.

The Division plans to release an RFS to find service providers for Crisis Management Services for individuals with developmental disabilities.

In developing the requirements for the RFS,

DDRS has worked extensively with members of the disability community to design an effective crisis management system.

The Crisis Management Steering Committee

brought stakeholders together to assist in drafting a plan for crisis management. Additional meetings were held around the state to give families, providers, potential vendors, behavioral consultants, and case managers a chance to provide input into the design process.

The goal of the Crisis Management system will be to establish a multi-tiered system that is proactive, to prevent crisis situations from occurring or escalating, and that provides supports and services in the least restrictive manner.

### The Crisis Management System Will Have Four Major Components:

- Staff Training
- In-Home Behavioral Consultation – Including a 24-Hour Crisis “Hot Line”
- Out-of-Home Placement
- Follow-Along Services after Out-of-Home Placement

The Crisis Management RFS will look for vendors to establish programs in three geographic regions across the state with contracts targeted to begin by July 1, 2006.

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## Winter Heating Assistance Available

The Arc of Indiana and The Arc Trust are happy to announce the continuation of their Winter Heating Assistance program.

The Arc will make \$20,000 available to 200 people statewide to assist them in paying winter heating bills. The Arc will provide \$100 per house-

hold to assist with heating costs.

To qualify for assistance a person must:

- Be disabled and a recipient of either Supplemental Security Income or Medicaid.
- Show that the \$100 will

be used to supplement, not supplant, other sources of revenue to pay bills.

To learn more, please contact Sonya Grace or Shane Service at 317-259-7603.

### Southeast Regional Outreach Services Training Opportunities

**Communication Planning:** Learn how to improve your communication with persons with DD/Intellectual Disabilities. Gain a better understanding of pre-language skills, assistive technology and augmentative communication.

February 9, 2006  
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
Indiana University, East Danielson Center  
Conference Rm 110  
300 Trojan Lane  
New Castle, IN

February 23, 2006  
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
Jennings County Public Library  
2735 N. State Hwy 3  
North Vernon, IN

**Dysphagia Training the Trainer:** Learn about possible health risks associated with Dysphagia, triggers that identify choking, food textures and liquid consistencies.

February 23, 2006  
9:00 am to 12:00 noon  
Jennings County Public Library  
2735 N. State Hwy3  
North Vernon, IN

**Hydration-Constipation-GERD:** Learn about possible health risks associated with dehydration, constipation and gastro esophageal reflux disease (GERD). Learn to assess a person's level of risk as well as identify strategies to improve and document health status.

February 21, 2006  
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
Bartholomew Co. Public Library  
536 5th Street  
Columbus, IN

**Nutrition:** Learn to improve nutritional care for persons with DD. Learn techniques to better plan menus and document food intake. Identify the basic components of a dining plan based on interdisciplinary assessments and demonstrate how to write one. Review food and fluid textures.

February, 21, 2006  
9:00 am to 12:00 noon  
Bartholomew Co. Public Library  
536 5th Street  
Columbus, IN

**Prevention of Abuse and Neglect:** Learn to identify different types of abuse and neglect; learn your responsibility as a witness to report abuse; ways to prevent abuse and more.

February 7, 2006 & February 21, 2006  
9:30 am to 3:30 pm  
SE Outreach Training Center  
Madison State Hospital

For more information or to register for a class, please contact Lois Robinson at  
812-265-7489 or [Lois.Robinson@fssa.in.gov](mailto:Lois.Robinson@fssa.in.gov)

### Understanding Seizure Disorders

**Training Type:** This training will help direct care staff to understand more about epilepsy, identify different types of seizures, and institute appropriate first aid. Approximately 10% of individuals with developmental disabilities also have a seizure disorder called epilepsy.

**Sponsor:** Indiana Epilepsy Services, a grant program funded through the Family and Social Services Administration, Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services, to provide education and support to those with epilepsy, their families, professionals, and the community.

**Audience:** Residential Services and Day Service Direct Care Staff; Developmental Disability Nurses; Case Managers; Employment Specialists; Vocational Rehabilitation Staff; and others who wish to know more about seizures.

#### When/Where:

February 7, 2006  
11:00 am to 1:00 pm  
The Rehabilitation Center—Auditorium  
3701 Bellemeade Avenue  
Evansville, IN  
Contact:: Crystal Stock  
1-800-766-7123

February 15, 2006  
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
Memorial Hospital Auditorium  
615 N Michigan Street  
South Bend, IN  
Contact:: Sue Bolin  
1-574-647-7639

February 17, 2006  
9:30 am to 11:30 am  
League for the Blind and Disabled Office  
5821 South Anthony Boulevard  
Fort Waune, IN  
Contact:: Julia McQueen

February 22, 2006  
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
InPact  
12300 Marshall Street  
Crown Point  
Contact:: Sherri DiMarco

February 24, 2006  
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
Community Hospital East  
Medical Staff Conference Room  
1500 North Ritter Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN  
Contact:: Kathy Forkner  
1-800-642-2608

February 28, 2006  
9:30 am to 11:30 am  
Boys and Girls Clubs of Wayne County  
1717 South L Street  
Richmond, IN  
Contact:: Beth Schaffter  
1-800-777-6985

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**Training is free of charge, but Pre-Registration is mandatory.** Please contact the person identified for the city and date that you would like to attend. You must register at least two days in advance.